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SHIPS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman—Gen. W. KESWICK. E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM KEINER, Esq. H. L. DALEYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. H. HOPFUS, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. A. MCIVER, Esq.

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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next. Current Deposit Accounts and Fixed Deposit Receipts will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BEEGEE, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMOND, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

BANKS.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £280,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bunkers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

THE Authority to Sign Bills of Lading by this Company's STEAMERS, granted to Mr. J. J. HOWARD, is hereby revoked, and Mr. C. L. GORHAM is authorized to Sign until further notice.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Fiddar's Wharf, as AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH,

QUEEN'S ROAD,

(Next door to the Exchange),

ARE now shewing a LARGE VARIETY of NEW LADIES' NOTE PAPERS & ENVELOPES.

NEW SHEET MUSIC. BOSEY'S CABINETS. MASON HAMLIN'S ORGANS. PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS. SCRAP BOOKS.

INKSTANDS. LEATHER BLOTTING BOOKS. NEW STOVE ORNAMENTS.

MENU CARDS.

PLAYING CARDS. BEZIQUE.

LETTER CASES. CARD CASES.

PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

POCKET SLATES.

WINSTON & NEWTON'S DRAWING MATERIALS.

NEW CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS.

Their Celebrated TOBACCOES. CIGARS and CIGARETTES.

Hongkong, July 7, 1879.

FOR SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOKE, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to

Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and

JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House,

Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Also,

(From Bordeaux),

CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior

Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case.

A few Cases of LAFITTE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

FOR SALE.

SAYLE & CO., VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

OUR Annual SALE of SURPLUS

Summer STOCK will Commence on MONDAY, July 21st, and be Continued for FOURTEEN DAYS only.

This Great SALE will be carried out on the system which gave so much satisfaction last year. All GOODS will be marked in Plain Figures, in Blue, from which no reduction can or will be made. The SALE will positively Close on MONDAY, August 4th, after which date NO GOODS will be SOLD at the Extreme Low Prices marked for this Sale.

We shall offer—

FANCY SILKS.

GLACE SILKS.

GROSGRAIN SILKS.

JAPANESE POPLINS.

GRANADE DRESS GOODS, White and Colored MUSLIN DRESS GOODS, HOLLANDS, LAWNS, GINGHAMS, PRINTS at Greatly Reduced Prices.

COTTON and THREAD HOSE HAND-KERCHIEFS, COLLARS and CUFFS, LACES and LACE GOODS, ALL Very Cheap.

BABY LINEN and LADIES' UNDER-CLOTHING, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Several Thousand Yards USEFUL REMNANTS, Comprising: PRINTS, CALICOES, FLANNELS, HOLLANDS, &c., &c., &c., Ridiculously Low Prices.

A Few Baskets RIBBON REMNANTS, Marked Exceedingly Cheap.

A Splendid CALICO will be SOLD at 13 Cents, a very Superior Summer GAUZE FLANNEL at 45 Cents, and Fine French HOLLANDS for WASHING DRESSES at 25 Cents per Yard.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY will be Continued as Usual during the SALE.

SAYLE & CO., Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

Hongkong, July 18, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

THE GOODWILL, LEASE, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES

OF THE CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI—CHINA.

THIS HOTEL, which is Furnished throughout in a very Superior Manner, has been in operation for upwards of 35 Years, and affords an Excellent Opportunity for an Energetic Man, or a Married Couple, to secure a Competency in a few Years.

Terms, and full Particulars, can be obtained upon application to

HALL & HOLTZ,

Shanghai.

July 21, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE, In Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

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WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNERS.

FROM LONDON & PORTS OF CALL.

THE B. S. S. *Sunbeam* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their Inst. into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th August will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

AME (in diamond) Nos. 16/17, Or, 2 cases T J. Flannel, from London.

Ex Amazon.

S C Glass Sheet, 203 bales Cotton, from Singapore.

Ex India.

C (in diamond) 47/96, 48 cases Sheet Lead, Amy, Order, from London. Mr Charles Bonnet, 1 case. Shirts, &c., from Marseilles.

B & C (in diamond) Order, 150 bales Cotton, from Madras.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 30, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

CELIA, British 3-m. sloop, Captain Drow—Douglas, Lapra & Co.

BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain R. Hajo—Meichers & Co.

GUSTAV, German barque, Captain J. Raben—Landstein & Co.

AGNES MUIR, British ship, Capt. James Lowe—Meyer & Co.

SAINT MARK, British steamer, Captain Johnstone—Moyer & Co.

CLAN ALPINE, British steamer, Captain W. J. Rule—Captain.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(CALLING AT MACAO.)

The Steamship

"AMOY"

W. G. H. DREWES, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 1st August, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au1

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIIGO.

The British Steamer

"SUNBEAM"

will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, Next, the 2nd August, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au2

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of August next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 6th, to SATURDAY, the 16th of August (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au10

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 4th August.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China,"

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"

J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"

D. FITZ HENRY, Acting Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879. au4

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MISS CLARA STANLEY'S OPERA AND OPERA BOUQUET COMPANY.

TOMORROW (FRIDAY), 1st August.

CLEARED.

Helene, for Hamburg.
Yohlung, for Swatow.
Gustav, for Newchwang.
Amoy, for Macao and Shaughai.
Chamion Queen, for London.
H. Upmann, for Tientsin.

ARRIVED.

Per *Glauus*, from Liverpool, &c., Mr. J. Belknap for Shanghai, and 400 Chinese for Hongkong.

Per *Arratoon Apcar*, from Calcutta, &c., Messrs. W. Wilson, and Allison, and 100 Chinese.

Per *Moray*, from Calcutta, &c., 117 Chinese.

Per P. Fitzpatrick, from Bangkok, 6 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Namoa*, for Amoy, Mrs. R. F. Smith.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

2 p.m.—Amoy leaves for Shanghai.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. V. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—Operatic Performance.

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SATURDAY, August 2:—

11 a.m.—*Studebeam* leaves for Yokohama, &c. Goods per *Bokhara* not delivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Celtic Monarch* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.C.

MONDAY, August 4:—

Banks closed for public business.

Goods per *Sunbeam* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, August 5:—

11 a.m.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, August 6:—

Register of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to 16th August, inclusive.

TUESDAY, August 12:—

11 a.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, August 15:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, August 16:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,

IMPORTERS

OF DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUIREMENTS, TOILET REQUIREMENTS, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

WATER, LEMONADE, TONIC WATER,

GINGERADE, POTASS WATER, SARSPARILLA

WATER, AND OTHER AERATED WATER.

The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1879.

2.30 P.M.—Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, July 24, 1879. au1

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st August, 1879.

2.15 P.M.—Registry ceases.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Kaisar-i-Hind* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 12th August, with Mail to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via *Brindisi* or *Southampton*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Ancône*, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 5th August, with Mail to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via *Naples*; to *Salgado*, *Singapore*, *Calcutta*, *Bombay*, *Aden*, *Ceylon*, *India* (via *Madras*), *Australia*, *New Zealand*, *Tasmania*, *Fiji*, *Aden*, *Seychelles*, *Réunion*, *Mauritius*, *Suez*, and *Alexandria*. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension. The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

2.15 P.M.—Registry ceases.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Tokio*, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 10th August, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 P.M.—Registry ceases.

2.30 P.M.—Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879. au15

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE CONTRACT POSTS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 A.M.—Post Office opens.

10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 A.M.—Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

With reference to the publication in our columns yesterday of the Police Court proceedings in the Tai-wan murder case, we may state that, as no request or wish for its suppression was made by the Bench at yesterday's hearing, we published the report in the usual course of business. We are always

A good story is in circulation in Bombay, which relates how a sturdy Yorksiderman, under cross-examination in the High Court the other day, disconcerted a leading member of the bar. The latter prefaced a question in the following cool and cynical manner, "Now, Sir, you are an honest, straightforward sort of man—" when he was interrupted by the self-composed witness replying, in the broad Yorkshire dialect which lent increased pungency to the retort, "Well, I think I'd say the same of you if I weren't on my oath." The Court was convulsed with suppressed laughter, in which the Judge shined, and the incautious counsel was visibly thrown off his balance.

Cr the newest schemes for opening up Central Africa, we take the following interesting note from an Indian paper:

There was an expedition, under patronage of the International Society, and with Mr H. M. Stanley at the helm; a second expedition was start under Italian colours; and the other two were purely English travelling companies. Mr Stanley's expedition is still trying to start; but, according to the latest news from Africa, the others named have collapsed. Mr Stanley, after making some preliminary arrangements at Zanzibar, was to proceed in his steamer to the West Coast, and thence pioneer his party up the Congo River. He has found many difficulties in the way. The King of the Belgians, who is at the head of the International Society, wished to employ Belgian officers chiefly; but the fact is that Belgians are as little suited as Frenchmen for the work of this kind. Not only do they succumb to the climate, but they are soon disheartened also at failures. The result is that Mr Stanley has been a long while making his preparations. He has managed, however, to collect some hundred natives of Zanzibar coast, under promise of taking them to England. Their immediate destination, as we have already hinted, will be the West Coast of Africa. The reason for getting men from Zanzibar is that the West Coast natives, as Mr Stanley knows, would never do the work he wants done. In the course of another mail or two, we may hear that Mr Stanley's expedition is at last under weigh. In time to, he may be successful—so far as success lies—in draining the Upper Congo of nearly all its ivory, and in bringing home a round sum of money and some notes for a new book. The "International Society," which consists, by the bye, of the King of the Belgians and a few Belgian and British merchants, has lately taken another and perhaps more promising scheme in hand. Under the Society's auspices, a Mr L. Carter, a gentleman well known on the Persian Gulf and in Turkish Arabia, is going to try what can be done in Africa with elephants. Hitherto, transport in tropical Asia has been carried on by means of porters alone. Mr Carter took four Indian elephants to Zanzibar, and was to proceed at once into the interior to make experiments. It is hoped that wild elephants may be tamed and utilized; and if elephants are found to answer, if the cost of their keep is not too great, they can occasionally make forced marches, transport in tropical Africa will simply be revolutionized.

A RECENT despatch from San Francisco has aroused anew, in the commercial and travelling community, the feeling of alarm occasioned in former times by the want of vigilance displayed by certain navigation companies in maintaining the sanitary condition of their vessels. The steamer China has just left San Francisco for Hongkong, via Yokohama, and among its passengers were seventeen Chinese lepers, who had been for several months in the special California hospital, but who have been forcibly expelled by the State authorities. The Chinese attacked with leprosy have been hitherto sent on board merchant vessels, and not upon the Pacific Mail Company's steamers. Their presence on board these steamers is a serious danger to the travelling patrons of this line, which is also frequently preferred by English merchants and tourists as being a shorter route from England to China and Japan than the old one by the way of Suez and the Red Sea. It is unfortunate that this despatch should have been received at New York so soon after the election of Mr. Hart to the presidency of the Pacific Mail Company, for his enemies have lost no time in spreading abroad the mischievous impression that the fact that the Pacific Mail Company would now be obliged to carry Chinese lepers at every trip was owing to his well-known mercenary spirit. Mr. Hart's enemies shrewdly ask whether the company will not lose in ordinary passengers as it will gain by the leprosy and other contagious Chinese, and there is some talk of circulating a general protest, not only in the United States, but also in those European countries which patronize so liberally the American route to the Far East, both in coming and going.—American Correspondence.

The annual meeting of the Messageries Maritimes Company was held on the 29th ult., and the report of the administrator was in every respect most satisfactory. The dividend for 1878, as declared, was 35s. per share, leaving a balance of 40,819fr. 96c. carried forward. The net value of the fleet was placed at 57,756,840fr. 96c., after all allowances, including the elimination of two steamers, the *Hooch* and the *Danube*. One new vessel, the *Congo*, was added to the fleet. There were, on the 21st Dec., two steamers in course of building at Chios, the *Oxus*, 5,410 tons and 600-horse power, for service from Marseilles to Shanghai, and the *Saghalien*—the latter not in a very forward state. The various stores and stocks were valued at 12,376,589fr. 82c., an increase of 140,791fr. 89c. on those of 1877. The mechanical appliances, workshops, and apparatus are put down at 15,422,059fr. 21c., an increase of 28,420fr. 73c. The cash and bills to the credit of the company amounted to 22,914,516fr. 88c., exceeding the account of the preceding year by a no less sum than 4,961,465fr. 41c., caused by the non-employment of capital in repairs or paying off debentures. The shareholders were reminded that next year the loan of 10,000,000fr. would have to be repaid. But this was intended to be done out of the available resources of the Company, without the necessity of new appeal to the public. The reserved fund stood at 3,640,955fr. 89c., being 209,776fr. 48c. more than in 1877, and it was proposed to further add 229,214fr. 05c., raising it to 3,864,186fr. 44c. The line to Cyprus was to be discontinued in consequence of the smallness of the trade. The contract to

India was carried out satisfactorily, and seven extra voyages were made to supply the requirements of commerce. The regularity of the steamers was slightly interfered with by the outbreak of yellow fever at Sennar. In accordance with an arrangement made with the principal authorities, the steamer touched once in every two voyages during two months at Vincit, and on one occasion Cuernos Ayros was substituted for Monte Video. With these exceptions the communication on all the routes was regularly maintained. Attention was drawn to the new contract made by the British Government with the P. & O. Company as satisfactory, insuring the maintenance of the friendly spirit which exists between the two great mail-carrying companies. The number of passengers who travelled was

111,806. The value of the treasure carried was £204,531,273, and the merchandise shipped consisted of 5,189,404 packages, amounting to 392,050 tons of 1,000 kilogrammes, a large increase over the preceding year.

WRITING with regard to a question that has also in its time agitated our commercial consciences here, the *Bombay Gazette* has the following:

Under the new contract the Indian mails will arrive in London in two days less time than at present occupied, consequently the days of departure from this side will shortly have to be rearranged. We understand that with this object in view the P. & O. Company have already asked the local Chamber to state which day of the week they consider would be most convenient so far as the Bombay commercial community is concerned. The Chamber has accordingly the matter under consideration, but there is a strong feeling in business circles in favour of naming Fridays during fair weather, and Wednesdays or Thursdays for the monsoon. By the mails leaving on Monday business men in Bombay have for years been practically deprived of Sunday as a complete day of rest—a grievance which it is now hoped will be removed. The fact of the matter is, that the mails must be timed to arrive in England on Saturday evenings, so that they may be delivered simultaneously in London and in the provinces. Against that requirement of the London Post Office the convenience of the Anglo-Indian community will weigh but little.

A Post-office Notification issued at Hono just before the present mail left states that from the 1st July the charge for patterns or samples of merchandise, as well as for commercial papers, addressed to any of the countries or British Colonies comprised in the Postal Union, will be the same as the charge for printed papers, but with the proviso that the lowest charge for a pattern or sample packet will be 1d., and that the lowest charge for a packet of commercial papers will be 2d. From the same date postcards addressed to the undermentioned places, forwarded via Brindisi, will be liable to a postage of 2d. each instead of 2d., India, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Hongkong, Labuan, Japan, French Settlements in India, Netherlands India, and the Philippine Islands. As no postcards bearing an impressed stamp of the value of 2d. have been issued, the ordinary or foreign postcards now in use must be employed when it is desired to send a postcard to any of the places above mentioned, an adhesive stamp being affixed to the card to make up the amount of postage required.

MISS CLARA STANLEY'S BENEFIT. The prima donna of the Opera Company now in our midst took her benefit last night, when the Opera was under the distinguished patronage of General Donevan, Colonel Geddes, and the officers of the 27th Regt. Inniskillings. The compliment was paid to Miss Stanley of a house remarkably well filled. The Opera select it was Donizetti's "Daughter of the Regiment." Miss Stanley was exceedingly well suited with the part of Marie, looking it to perfection and making the most of the many situations the character offers for a display of light operatic acting. She was eminently successful in the air "Friends I Adore" and the "Regimental Refrain," being loudly applauded, and receiving a special curtain call. Mr G. Claremont as *Sergeant Sulpic* scored another success, his make-up and acting at the crusty but kind-hearted old soldier elicited frequent and hearty applause.

The *Toxie* of Miss Agnes Draeger was a decided improvement on her last impersonation; there is still room left for further improvement, and more fire is wanted in her acting. Mr Rollings was a capital *Hortensius*, and entered thoroughly into the humour of the character. The *Marchioness de Bergent* of Miss Hooton was a careful study, her change of demeanour, from grave to gay, being done in a delicate, skilful manner. Her make-up was good. Miss Hooton is, undoubtedly, one of the ablest members of the troupe, and works hard. Mr Everard who doubled the parts of the *Corporal* and *Duke de Granete* deserved a good word for his careful acting. In the former character he had little to do, but did that well. His Duke was a really sound impersonation, and showed that this gentleman—who has hitherto, in Hongkong, played female characters—is possessed of a good idea of character acting. Miss Morton (Corporal Cane, 27th Inniskillings) made a very good *Duchess*, and very ably led the choruses, which were performed in a highly creditable manner. The Opera, on the whole, was well-mounted, and was the most even performance the company has given since their arrival here. Between the first and second acts Herr Werner, the talented bandmaster of the 27th Inniskillings, performed Lazarus' *Clarion Solo* "Ma Normandie" in a style nigh unsurpassable. Herr Werner, who is possessed of an excellent European reputation, excelled himself last evening, his tremolo, staccato, and pianissimo playing being something mar-

velous, especially the latter. He was loudly applauded at the conclusion of the fanfares. He reappeared, the audience demanding an encore, and gave "The Last Rose of Summer" with great depth of expression, the concluding cadence being a masterpiece of execution.—The last performance of the Opera Company will be on Friday evening, when the business manager, Mr Rollings, takes his benefit. An attractive programme is announced.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The thirteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the head office, this afternoon. The Chairman of the Company, Mr H. H. Nelson, presided, and there were present Messrs McIver, H. J. Arnhold, E. E. Saseon, Irvine, T. B. Cunningham, H. Smith, E. F. Alford, D. R. Crawford, Maneck, J. Y. Vernon, R. Deacon, Reiners, H. W. Davis, Hayllar, Woodin, Heaton, Bottomley, Anton, and W. H. Ray, (Secretary).

The report, which has already appeared in our columns, and the accounts, were taken up.

The Chairman, noticing the accounts, referred to the fact that the amount of premium collected was less than during the previous year; it would be satisfactory to the shareholders to know that this was not in consequence of any real falling off in business, the actual business of the Company having been larger, but to the rates being less and the Directors having decided to go out of block risks. The interest account showed a considerable increase on the previous year's, and no doubt at time went on this account would continue to show a progress satisfactory to the shareholders. The profits on investments referred to in the accounts were realized by the Chinese Bonds of 1877, which were sold out and the money invested in the Chinese Silver Loan. The shareholders would see with satisfaction that the Directors recommended an increase of interest. The Directors felt that they were indebted to the shareholders for their patience in this matter. It would have been dealt with before had it not been for the importance of building up a reserve fund, which now reaches \$365,000. The importance of this fund to a company like this was very great, and it was very satisfactory to find it in this position. The return of 25 per cent. to contributors would doubtless be very satisfactory. Of the amount brought forward, about \$61,000, the known loss amounted to \$20,000. The business for the three months which had already passed had been, he was happy to state, very satisfactory indeed, and the losses almost nothing. Any questions that any shareholder had to put he would be happy to answer, and any remarks the meeting would be happy to hear from any shareholder. He concluded by moving the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr Reiners, and unanimously carried.

The appointments of Mr Arnhold, Mr McIver, and Mr E. E. Saseon to the Board, were, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Anthony, confirmed.

The retiring Directors, Mr Nelson and Mr Arnhold, were re-elected, on the motion of Mr McIver, seconded by Mr Hayllar.

The retiring auditors, Mr H. Smith and Mr T. G. Linfield, were re-elected, on the motion of Mr Arnhold, seconded by Mr Deacon.

Mr Deacon proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Company.

There was no other business.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION,
(Before His Honour the Acting Puisne Judge
J. J. Francis, Esq.)

Thursday, May 31st.

CHAN CHO v. CHAN KWONG.

This was a foreign attachment suit following on an undefended Chinese case in which judgment had been granted for \$1435, the balance of long current accounts between the parties.

Mr Russell appeared for the plaintiff; Mr Ng Achoy appeared to watch the case in the interest of the garnishee. The evidence however was not complete, some of the witnesses having gone to Canton, and it was adjourned, to be taken up another day on 24 hours' notice.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket.)

Thursday, July 31st.

ALLEGED CURIOUS THEFT OF \$1,048.

Ching Kwong Nang, shopman, was charged with stealing \$1,048 the property of his master.

Ng Akwai said:—I am master of the *Ui* Opium shop, in Winglok Street. The prisoner was a shopman in my employment, he used to purchase opium for me, his salary was \$5 per month. I did not pay him any regular commission, but agreed to give him a bonus of \$8 or \$10 at the end of the year. Prisoner has been in my employ about four months; he was secured by his uncle, who is an opium purchaser in the *Li Tai* Shop. On the 7th of the present month at about two o'clock in the afternoon, I gave prisoner \$816, and gave my Accountant, Sam Atan, instructions to pay him \$233 more, and told him, prisoner, to go to Messrs Saseon & Co. and purchase two chests of opium. I saw him place the money in a white handkerchief and put it in his pocket. I instructed him to go and make a ready-money purchase of the opium and bring it back to me; he had no letter from me. On July 6th the prisoner had paid to Messrs Saseon the sum of \$2500 for opium. Before I paid prisoner the money on the 7th instant, I told him I was going to give him money to go and buy opium with. He answered:—"Very well, I shall be back in a few minutes. I want to go out on private business for a short time." He went out, returning to the shop in about a quarter of an hour. I paid him the money and saw him go away down Winglok Street, in an entirely different direction to Messrs Saseon's premises. I took no special notice of his going that way as he had done so before; I

thought he probably intended to pay a visit to his family house. A little after three o'clock that afternoon I heard from a street coolie something about the prisoner. In consequence of what I heard I sent my partner to the Central Police Station. Very soon after, the prisoner returned to my shop with a Chinese Sergeant interpreter. Prisoner told me that, as he was coming out of Saseon's godown in Zetland Street, some robbers molested him, threw pepper into his eyes and wrenched the money from his hands and threatened to kill him. He showed me a slight cut above the wrist, and further said that when the robbers had run away he got up to pursue them, but was so much beaten that he fell down after going a few steps.

Being unable to walk he went to a

shop to carry him home in a chair. On the way home, he met an Inspector of Police and an Inspector of Nuisances, one of them had the knife produced in Court. They took him to the Central Station, while there he was asked if he could identify the thieves, and replied that he could not. I examined his person and could see nothing the matter

with his eyes or any signs of his having been beaten. The scratch on his arm might have been done by a finger nail. I asked him why he could show no marks if he had been so badly beaten, and why he did not call out while he was being robbed. He gave no answer to my questions. When I explained to him that his fingers would have been cut instead of his arm had the money been taken from him, he replied:—"My throat was so choked up with the pepper that I could not call out." I immediately sent for his uncle and explained matters to him. At this time I suspected the prisoner had not been telling me the truth, and I told his uncle so. I further told him that I suspected his nephew of stealing my money; prisoner was present. His uncle replied:—"I will make enquiry about it; if I find that your money has been taken by robbers I will do nothing; if my nephew has robbed you I will make the money good." On the 10th inst. two friends of mine came to me at prison, his request, and offered me on his behalf \$500 to compromise the affair. Prisoner was still in my employ, but since the robbery took place, he has done nothing in the shape of work, although remaining on the premises till yesterday, when he was arrested in virtue of a warrant. Prisoner owed me \$10 which I had lent him, and also \$10, 3s. 4d. wages which I had paid him in advance; he promised to repay me when he got his share from a money loan office in which he was interested.

Ung Akun, a bather, living in Bonham Strand, stated:—On the 7th July, about 3 o'clock on the afternoon, when going along the Queen's Road, I saw a Chinaman standing in a crowd, in a lane on the left-hand side of the road;—this was at the cross road, to the eastward of the Clock Tower. One of the men was dressed in white clothes and had a parcel wrapped in a handkerchief, which I saw him hand to one of the others. As soon as he had done this he threw himself on the ground, and lay there; the man who had the parcel went up the lane, the two others came past me and went towards the west. Neither of them took any notice of the man lying on the ground. I was under the impression that the man lying down had been taken sick. He lay there a little time, and then got up and walked a short distance, when he lay down again. I saw him get up again, stagger down the road and fall down opposite the *Lock Hing* shop. I heard him say he had been robbed of banknotes. I took no more notice of it at the time and went home. I do not know the four men, never having seen them before, but could recognize the man who fell down if I were to see him again; I have not seen him since that day.

The prisoner was at this time in the dock with a number of other prisoners. Witness, at the request of his Worship, was asked to scan the prisoners in dock and pick out the man he had seen fall down on the 7th of July. Witness picked out the prisoner, and said:—"That is the man, I am quite certain of it." Examination continued:—When I returned to my home on the 7th July I mentioned to my acquaintances what I had seen.

Ching Awab, the first witness, was recalled and asked by his Worship why he had been so long in taking steps against the prisoner, when he explained:—I could not get the second witness Ung Akun to consent to come to the Court until the 28th inst.; on that date I sent for Ung Akun to come to my shop. Inspector Lindsay was waiting in the shop and took him away. Ung A Kum came to my shop on the third day of the sixth moon and bought two balls of opium; he heard us talking about the robbery, and then told me what he had seen on the 7th inst.

The uncle of the prisoner was called and asked if he had told complainant, Ching Awab, that he would be responsible for the money that had been lost if it were proved that his nephew had committed the robbery. The uncle answered that he had never made such a statement.

Complainant persisted in his former statement that the uncle had promised to make good the amount lost if he were satisfied that his nephew was the culprit, but added:—"If prisoner is convicted, I would not ask the uncle for the money."

Prisoner at this stage was asked if he had any questions to put to his late master. And said in reply:—"He is bringing a false charge against me."

The case was then adjourned till Wednesday next.

BREACHES OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Lam Akwai, coolie, was charged (1) with selling opium at Heng Hau on the 29th inst., (2) with being in possession of prepared opium and preparing utensils on the 30th inst.

Kung Atow, an excise officer, stated that he had purchased prepared opium from the defendant on the 29th inst.

Defendant denied ever having sold opium to witness or to any outsiders, and said:—"I am keeper of a coolie lodging house, and have six coolies, who work in the docks. I prepare the second-hand opium and sell it to my lodgers; the utensils and opium in Court are my property. I admit the second charge."

His Worship said that, as there was nothing to support the evidence of the Excise Officer, he would dismiss the first, and reserve judgment on the second charge until the result of the recent appeal to the Chief Justice be made known.

Defendant was admitted to bail on his personal recognisance in \$100. The utensils to be retained until judgment is delivered.

Lee Alum, hawker, was brought up similarly charged; the first charge was with

driven. The second charge, of having two maces of prepared opium in his possession on the 30th inst., was proceeded with.

P. C. Thomas Campbell, sworn, stated:—

I searched house No. 14 in Hung Hau; the defendant was in the front room of the house. I showed him my warrant and told him I had come to look for prepared opium.

I found a bunch covered over with a mat, on which was a lump, an opium pipe, and a small quantity of prepared opium. Defendant saw me take the opium from the mat.

Defendant admitted having the opium produced in Court and said he sometimes bought prepared opium from shops in Hongkong and boiled down the gross for

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